

**MINUTES**  
**Meeting of the Hunter College Senate**  
**16 February 2011**

1                   The 522<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Hunter College Senate was convened at 3:50 PM in Room W714.  
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3   **Presiding:**           Sandra Clarkson, Chair  
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5   **Attendance:**        The elected members of the Senate with the exception of those listed in Appendix I.  
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7                   Alternate Senators were formally seated in accordance with the procedures approved by the Senate,  
8                   and clickers were distributed to them.  
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10   **Minutes:**            The Minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup> were approved as distributed.  
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12   **Report by the**        There was no report.  
13   **President:**  
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15                   It was moved that the agenda be changed to allow the Chief Operating Officer to report at this time.  
16                   The motion carried by voice vote.  
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18   **Report by**            Len Zinnanti, Chief Operating Officer, presented his report. A summary statement is as follows:  
19   **Chief Operating**  
20   **Officer:**  
21                   I'm here to talk about three things that will impact the community, which are largely driven by CUNY.  
22                   They are the New York State Budget which was recently proposed by the Governor, the Work Place  
23                   Violence Prevention Plan, and the Smoking Policy Update which CUNY has issued.  
24                   With respect to the New York State Budget, on February 1<sup>st</sup> Governor Cuomo issued his proposed  
25                   budget for the Fiscal Year that begins April 1<sup>st</sup>. Each state agency was assessed a 10% across the  
26                   board cut. The CUNY senior colleges were cut by a total of about \$83 million. The previous cut this  
27                   year that Governor Paterson had proposed, Governor Cuomo is implementing and it's almost another  
28                   \$12 million cut to the senior colleges. There is a total of about \$95 million in new cuts. For some  
29                   context, in Fiscal Year 08-09 we were cut \$3 million. In Fiscal Year 09-10, Hunter was cut another \$3  
30                   million. This current year we were cut about \$6 million. So far we've sustained about \$12 million in  
31                   recurring cuts. If the governor's cut stands as proposed, we are probably in line for another \$7 million  
32                   dollar cut for the next year. The University has implemented a tuition increase for this spring at a level  
33                   of 5%. Generally, these tuition increases require the approval by State Legislature. This one didn't  
34                   because it was realized at CUNY Central that the State appropriations authorized spending and revenue  
35                   collections of a certain amount. CUNY's increase was within the authorized amount. Therefore, they  
36                   were able to increase tuition starting this spring by 5% without having to go to the legislature.  
37                   Currently, there are no more tuition increases that CUNY can implement without going to the  
38                   legislature and the Governor did not include a tuition increase for next fall in his budget proposal. The  
39                   tuition increase that was implemented this spring will generate money so that Hunter will be able to  
40                   deal with its share of roughly \$12 million in cuts. This tuition increase will annualize next year to a  
41                   number system-wide of about \$40 million, of which about \$4 million would be for Hunter. The early  
42                   retirement incentive which was just recently completed will help us also manage to keep our spending  
43                   down. We are prioritizing with the provost and the Vice President for Student Services which jobs  
44                   need to be replaced. The combination of these things will help us get through the new Fiscal Year. We  
45                   have been avoiding across the board cuts, we have been protecting the academic endeavor and those  
46                   services that affect students directly, and we intend to continue to protect those areas as best as we can.  
47                   And lastly, the Governor restored the small cut that Governor Paterson made last year to the TAP  
48                   program. TAP is back to the \$5,000 level. We don't know what the outcome will be but this is the  
49                   situation we are in now.  
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55 The New York State Department of Labor and the Public Employee Safety & Health Bureau has  
 56 recently issued new regulations with respect to work place violence. The new regulations require the  
 57 distribution of the survey that was sent out yesterday. We have requested that all employees complete  
 58 and return the survey on workplace hazards within two weeks. Amazingly, about 245 surveys have  
 59 been already filled out since yesterday. The second part of the regulations requires walkthroughs, for  
 60 which each Union that represents employees on our campuses is now invited to participate. The  
 61 walkthrough will be conducted by the head of our Public Safety office and employees who work in  
 62 those particular work areas are invited to attend. They have been scheduled throughout campus as  
 63 follows:

- 64 • 68 Street (Main Campus) and Roosevelt House will commence at 9 am on Monday, March  
65 7<sup>th</sup>
- 66 • Brookdale and the MFA buildings will commence at 9 am on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>
- 67 • School of Social Work building and the Campus Schools will commence at 9 am on  
68 Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

69 More detailed information about these will be forthcoming. Anybody interested in walking with the  
 70 team through their work place will receive more specifics about that. The regulations also require that  
 71 the Director of Public Safety make available to the members of this team copies of the completed  
 72 Workplace Hazard surveys, any reports (without names) of work place incidents, and relevant policies,  
 73 work practices, and procedures that might impact the Workplace Violence program. At the conclusion  
 74 of each walkthrough the members of that team will submit their observations to the Public Safety  
 75 Director who will then compile them, summarize them and share those observations with the team.  
 76 Also, the Director will submit them to the President of Hunter and CUNY.  
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78 At the end of January, the CUNY Board of Trustees approved a greatly enhanced and expanded  
 79 tobacco policy. The new policy prohibits the use of tobacco on all grounds, facilities, and vehicles  
 80 under CUNY's jurisdiction. It makes CUNY the largest smoke and tobacco free public university  
 81 system in the United States. Since last summer some 466 colleges and universities have enacted smoke  
 82 free or tobacco free policies. The decision that the CUNY Board of Trustees made was at the  
 83 recommendation of the CUNY Tobacco Policy Advisory Committee which was led by Executive  
 84 Vice-Chancellor Logue, nine administrators from CUNY Central, six representatives from senior  
 85 colleges, three from community colleges, and a representative from District Council 37. The Trustees  
 86 require that all campuses be in full compliance by September 4<sup>th</sup> 2012. The Chancellor requested that  
 87 each campus submit, for his approval, the local plans by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011. We are re-convening  
 88 Hunter's Tobacco Policy Working Group along with an expanded role for other members of Hunter  
 89 community. The plan should include communication, enforcement and possibly smoking cessation  
 90 initiatives. The Working Group includes faculty, students, and administration. We hope to have a draft  
 91 plan completed by early May which we will share with the Senate and the community at large for  
 92 review and comments.  
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94 **Report by the**  
 95 **Administrative**  
 96 **Committee:**

The Chair presented the report as follows:

97 **Election of Vice Chair**

98 The floor was open for a nomination for Vice Chair.

99 Tonya Sylvester was nominated.

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 101 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominee. The mo-  
 102 tion was approved by voice vote without dissent.  
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104 **Special Senate Election for Vacant At-large Seats**

105 In accordance with Article IV, 2H.i & ii of the *Charter for a Governance of Hunter College*, the  
 106 Administrative Committee presented the names of all nominees received to date:  
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108 Faculty: At-Large Claus Mueller (Sociology)

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 110 It was moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a single ballot in favor of the nominees. The mo-  
 111 tion was approved by voice vote without dissent.  
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118 **Membership slate for Standing Committee on General Education**

119 The motion on the floor, as carried over from the last meeting, was approval of the following slate:

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121 **Chair:** Pamela Mills (Chemistry)

122 **Faculty:**

123 Faculty from Humanities & Arts:	Trudy Smoke (English)
124 Faculty from Social Sciences:	Manu Bhagavan (History)
125 Faculty from Sciences & Math:	Derrick Brazill (Biology)
126 Faculty At-Large from A&S:	Alicia Ramos (Romance Languages)
127 Faculty At-large from A&S:	Lucille Croom (Math & Stat)
128 Faculty At-large from A&S:	David Capps (Dance Program)
129 Faculty from Education:	Sarah Bonner (C&T)
130 Faculty from Nursing:	Christine Cutugno
131 Faculty from Health Sciences:	Jessie Daniels (Community Health)
132 Associate Provost for General Education:	Rebecca Connor
133 Faculty Alternate:	Brian Lym (Library)

134 **Students:**

135 At-large:	Stephanie Krom (History/Religion)
136 At-large:	Sorrell Stetson (THHP)
137 Student Alternates:	Aklima Hossain (religion)
138	Susan Konz (THHP)

139 **Ex-officio without vote:**

140 Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences:	Robert Greenberg
141 Provost (or designee):	Vita Rabinowitz
142 The Director of Assessment:	Mosen Auryan
143 Chair of Undergraduate Course of Study Committee (or designee):	Eckhard Kuhn-Osius
144 Chair of Academic Assessment & Evaluation Committee (or designee):	Jill Gross
145 Registrar (or designee):	Marilyn Daley-Weston
146 Director of Advising Services (or designee):	Case Willoughby

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148 The motion was approved by voice vote without dissent.

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150 **Other Reports**

151 **Re: Search for the Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences:**

152 Professor Phil Alcabes, Chair of the Search Committee, gave an update on the search for the Dean of  
153 the School of Arts & Sciences. The following is a summary of his statement:

154 “The Search Committee will try to have a list of names of potential candidates for the President by  
155 April. We hope that we will have a Dean by the beginning of the fall semester. The committee is  
156 about to begin a preliminary round of in person interviews with the most competitive candidates. We  
157 hope that these interviews will be complete by the first week of March. By the end of March, we will  
158 contact those candidates and ask for their permission to make their names public, and we will notify  
159 the college community and make the schedule of visits public. We encourage meeting with the  
160 candidates and providing feedback. The members are: Prof. Charles Tien from Political Science, Prof.  
161 Margaret Chin from Sociology, Prof. David Foster from Biology, Prof. William Sakas from Computer  
162 Science, Prof Barbara Bosch from Theater, Prof. Barbara Webb from English, three students:  
163 Kathleen McCormick, Portia Seddon and Runako Taylor. Please speak to your Search Committee  
164 representative if you have any thoughts about choosing the candidates. We will let you know when the  
165 candidates from the short list are coming to campus.”

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167 **Re: Search for Dean of the School of Education:**

168 Professor David Hodges, Chair of the Search Committee gave an update on the search for Dean of the  
169 School of Education. The following is a summary of his statement:

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181 “This position has been vacant for two years. The first year, the search started late. However, the  
182 committee ended with several promising candidates. Campus visits were performed. One of the four  
183 candidates who came for the campus visit last year withdrew. The committee decided that it was not  
184 satisfied to recommend the three remaining candidates to the President and the search continued. All  
185 of the eight members of the search committee remain the same except for one of the students who  
186 graduated. The members are as follows: David Hodges (Chair), Prof. Anne Ediger and Prof. Jenni  
187 Tuten of Curriculum & Teaching, Prof. Gess LeBlanc and Prof. Elizabeth Cardoso of Educational  
188 Foundations, Prof. Marcia Knoll of Administration & Supervision, Prof. Tim Lackaye of the Dept. of  
189 Special Education, and the remaining student, Ina Brea. At this moment the Search Committee is  
190 conducting first round interviews and we hope to construct a short list of candidates who will then be  
191 invited for campus visits within the next few weeks. The ideal timetable would be to conclude the  
192 campus visits by the end of March, and perhaps recommending three candidates to the President before  
193 Spring break begins.”

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196 It was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:30  
197 PM.

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199 Respectfully submitted,

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203 Philip Alcabes,  
204 Secretary  
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**APPENDIX 1**

*The following members were noted as absent from the meeting:*

**Faculty**

Africana&PR/Latino Studies Anthony Browne  
 Anthropology Tom McGovern (A)  
 Art Paul Ramirez  
 Chemistry Pamela Mills (A)  
 Classical & Oriental Studies Laurence Kowerski (A)  
 Computer Science Felisa Vasquez-Abad "E"  
 Saad Mneimeh (A)  
 Curriculum & Teaching Jody Polleck (A)  
 Jason Wirtz (A)  
 Melissa Schieble  
 Economics Timothy Goodspeed (A)  
 Avi Liveson  
 Howard Chernick  
 Educational Foundations Sarah Bonner  
 English Ramesh Mallipedi  
 Film & Media Shanti Thakur (A)  
 Tim Portlock  
 Steve Gorelick (A)  
 Geography Peter Marcotullio (A)  
 Traci Warkentin "E"  
 German Elke Nicolai (A)  
 Health Sciences Stacey Plichta (A)  
 Library Patricia Woodard (A)  
 Mee-Len Hom  
 Rolando Perez  
 Mathematics & Statistics Verna Segarra (A)  
 Nursing Carol Roye  
 Lorraine Sanders  
 Philosophy Alan Hausman  
 Physics & Astronomy Noel Goddard (A)  
 Political Science Charles Tien (A)  
 Robert Jenkins (A)  
 Psychology Peter Serrano (A)  
 Tricia Striano (A)  
 Peter Moller "E"  
 Romance Languages Maria Cornelio (A)

School of Social Work Kenny Kwong (A)  
 Michael Lewis  
 Nancy Giunta (A)  
 Sociology Joong-Hwan Oh (A)  
 Special Education Donia Fahim (A)  
 Student Services Nicole Wright-Gordon (A)  
 Theatre Deepsikha Chatterjee (A)  
 Urban Affairs Jill Gross

**Lecturers and  
Part-Time Faculty**

Laxmi Ramasubramanian (Urban Affairs)  
 Eckhard Kuhn-Osius (German)  
 William Sakas (Computer Science)  
 Christa Acampora (Philosophy)  
 Barbara Sproul (Religion)  
 Makram Talih (Health Sci)

**Administration**

Dean Sherryl Graves (A)

**Ex-Officio**

Deborah Francois, USG Pres.  
 Patricia Rudden, Alumni Assoc. Pres.  
 George Wallace, CLT Council Pres.  
 Theodore Ryo, GSA Pres.

**Students**

Manuel Andino (Classics)  
 Lauren Hecker (Music)  
 Meriam Bukhari  
 James Broughel  
 Henrik Dumanian  
 Sheila Spencer "E"  
 Wesley Gagerie  
 Samuel Cooper  
 Ambalika Boodrham (THHP)  
 Ayman Ahmed (Comp Sci)  
 Francisco Mena (Sociology)  
 Aaron Quisenberry  
 Umar Khan  
 Marta Petryna (Biology)  
 Randy Wagenheim (Grad. Sociology)  
 Kelly Postlewait (Urban Aff.)